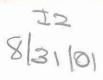


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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUG 3 1 2001

SUBJECT:

ACTION MEMORANDUM - Request for a Time Critical Removal Action at the

Western Forge Works Site, East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois

FROM:

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THRU:

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Site ID#: B5U7

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval to expend up to \$179,901.68 to abate an imminent and substantial threat to public health and the environment present at the Western Forge Works Site, East St. Louis, St. Clair County, Illinois (Latitude - 38° 37'28.5" North and Longitude - 90° 08'11" West). This action is necessary to mitigate the immediate threat to public health and the environment posed by the presence of uncontrolled hazardous substance on Site, including soils containing lead.

The response action proposed herein will mitigate Site conditions by removal and off-site disposal of the contaminated soil. The high levels of lead in surface soil at concentrations considered hazardous, the Site's proximity to residential properties and other business requires that this action be classified as a time critical removal. The project will require an estimated working 15 days to complete.

There are no nationally significant or precedent setting issues associated with the Western Forge
Works Site. The Western Forge Works Site is not on the National Priorities List (NPL).

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Western Forge Works (Site Name)

Don't forget to sign the yellow! ON-SCENE COORDINATOR (MC SE-5J or SE-GI) 1/1 1) (Assures that Enforcement Confidential Addendum from the Enforcement Specialist is included; the Administrative Record (AR) Documents are available and the draft AR Index is included) ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS COORDINATOR (MC SMR-7J) (Jan Pfundheller: Assures that the AR is complete and the "Official AR Index" is included...1-day turnaround) SECRETARY, RS I/II/III (MC SE-5J or SE-GI) 3) (RS-I Secretary (Grosse Isle) will mail AM to RS-III Secretary for tracking purposes...1-day turnaround) OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL: (C-14J) 4) STAFF ATTORNEY (Tom Martin ORC SUPERVISOR ((3-day turnaround on this document per the ORC-WMD Memorandum of Understanding) CHIEF, RS I/II/III (MC SE-5J or SE-GI) 5) (3-day turnaround) 6) CHIEF, ERB (MC SE-5J) (Rick Karl) (3-day turnaround) ERB SECRETARY (LOG-OUT) (MC SE-5J) 7) (1-day turnaround) 8) DIRECTOR, SUPERFUND DIVISION (William Muno) (MC S-6J) 9) FINAL PROCESSING: MC SE-5J

(Original Action Memo, yellow copy, and this sheet are filed in ERB Site File. Photocopies of signed original go to OSC and to D.O. File (with D.O. and P.R.); bcc's are distributed.)

TO RS-III SECRETARY (For RS-I and RS-III Action Memos)

TO RS-II SECRETARY

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